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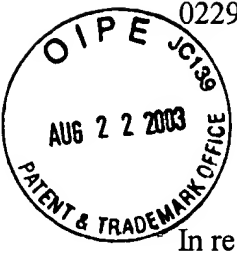
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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
CHRISTINE NICOL, ET AL. ) Examiner: Blessing M. Fubara  
Application No.: 09/806,915 ) Group Art Unit: 1615  
Filed: November 13, 2001 )  
For: ANIMAL STEREOTYPY ) August 21, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

I. Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003 for three (3) months from May 26, 2003 to August 26, 2003. A check in the amount of \$930.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. The Applicants also enclose a check in the amount of \$84.00 to cover the fee for one (1) additional independent claim. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205.

II. This is in response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003, the period for reply having been extended by the above petition and payment of the extension fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

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III. Please cancel Claims 19, 26, 27, 31, 32, and 33 without prejudice or disclaimer, amend Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 28 as follows, and add new Claim 34. New Claim 34 finds support in, for example, presently-cancelled Claim 19. In accordance with the revised amendment format, a complete listing of all claims follows; this listing replaces all earlier amendments and listings of the claims.

The Applicants make the present amendments only in order to expedite allowance of the present application. The Applicants reserve the right to file applications directed to matter removed by way of the present amendment as well as other matter disclosed by the specification.